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Unitary shipments -----

May record puts year up 2.1%

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Combined U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and air source heat pumps set a monthly record for May of 382,529 units to stay 2.1 percent ahead of 1987's record pace, according to ARI statistics.

Heat pump shipments alone also rose 1.3 percent compared to May 1987 to stay 3.2 percent ahead of last year's record rate. U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps during May:

- o totalled 382,529,
- o up 3.9% from May 1987,
- o year-to-date total 1,738,012,
- o up 2.1% from January-May 1987.

Heat pump shipments included in the May figures:

- o totalled 73,717,
- o up 1.3% from May 1987,
- o year-to-date total 369,648,
- o up 3.2% from January-May 1987.

May factory stocks:

- o down 25,049 units from April,
- o up 73,554 units from May 1987.

May distributor shipments:

- o down 12% from May 1987,
- o year-to-date shipments up 2%.

May distributor inventories:

- o up 51,166 units from April,
- o up 122,343 units from May 1987.

May U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers:

- o up 3% from May 1987,
- o year-to-date up 17%.

May U.S. dollar bookings of large tonnage liquid chillers:

- o down 9% from May 1987,
- o no change from January-May 1987.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary by Size.)

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers' Shipments

	SIZE BTUH (000)		UNITED STATES NUMBER OF UNITS CONDENSER-TYPE AIR OR EVAP. COOLED A	WATER COOLED B	U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1987
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		3699		3699	7.1-
	16.5-21.9		28005		28005	14.5-
	22-26.9		74736		74736	2.2+
	27-32.9		71348		71348	.5-
	33-38.9		89788	49	89837	7.7+
	39-43.9		31940		31940	9.9+
	44-53.9		35857		35857	16.1+
	54-64.9		31646	112	31758	9.7+
	65-96.9		5903	61	5964	1.9-
	97-134.9		4498	60	4558	5.6+
	135-184.9		2198	35	2233	4.5+
	185-249.9		1150	24	1174	63.3+
	250-319.9		458	11	469	34.4+
	320-379.9		384	27	411	61.2+
	380-539.9		170	17	187	3.3+
	540-639.9		99	16	115	20.1-
	640 and over		215	23	238	10.7+
	TOTAL		382094	435	382529	3.9+